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It was plainly apparent to all fair-minded people who attended the speaking at the Greenlaw opera house last night, that the Hon. S. F. Wilson is the peoples' candidate. He had the crowd, as was evinced by the long and enthusiastic applause he received when he ascended the speaker's stand, and the same, indeed, well reception given to the Hon. John V. Wright. Mr. Wilson improves upon acquaintance, and makes friends everywhere he goes. Indeed it is pointedly stated by those who have been with him recently, that he wins the hearts and good will of all with whom he comes in contact. The statement that he is losing ground each day, as is ventilated by newspapers in opposition to him, is merely a weak invention of the enemy, and the Hon. S. F. Wilson will carry the day in triumph when election time comes. On the other hand Judge Wright is not the kind of a candidate to wear well. He tells a good joke with neatness, even though it may not be a nice one, and he gets off a good many that are not. He says in his speech he is very brave and is not afraid of any man who wears hair. He talks soundly about bolters, sings about repudiators and gets off many things of an illogical description which appears to please the end men among his supporters. The attendance at the opera house last night was estimated at from five to eight hundred people, and the larger share were evidently for low taxes and the peoples' candidate, S. F. Wilson. So it is almost everywhere the several candidates have appeared, Judge Wright seems to be on his muscle and the Hon. Mr. Wilson relies upon brains and sound argument.

## JOINT DISCUSSION.

Three Candidates for Governor Discuss the Issue.

Between five and six hundred people were present at the Greenlaw opera house last night. It was a representative meeting, people of all classes and parties being present.

When the Hon. S. F. Wilson made his appearance upon the stage he was greeted with deafening applause, which lasted fully three minutes. It was the grandest ovation given any candidate by a Memphis audience for years.

The high tax candidate was also applauded, but very faintly as compared with the applause of his opponent.

Judge Wright opened, and in a speech of an hour and a half—half an hour over the time agreed upon by the committee—pursued much the same line of argument as that made in a speech on the bluff some weeks ago. He did not tell his usual number of anecdotes. He viewed the bolting convention as a contemptible affair, expressing it as his opinion that there would be small glory in defeating Wilson and Edwards. He could look any man in the eye that wore hair and wasn't afraid to look his opponent's in the face. All men who advocated Wilson's principles were demagogues and dishonest. Wilson says poor people pay all the taxes when he knows a man owning a thousand dollars for less was exempt. "Will Tennessee ever throw upon her fair fame the stain of dishonesty?" were the words of the old whig governor, James C. Jones. After arguing that the debt was the state's and not the railroad's he went on to give a sketch of Mr. Wilson's political career, charging that he had voted against submission to the people, concluding by making an appeal to all good citizens to show these "bolters," "disorganizers" and "repudiators" that the credit of the state must be preserved.

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opened by saying he was not there to discuss a question of personal bravery and as to whether he or Judge Wright was afraid of "any man who wore hair" as the audience cared nothing about that except in so far as it showed character. The bolting convention was no contemptible affair, for if the majority of the delegates had obeyed their instructions, the question of the settlement of the state debt would not have been attempted to be provided for by the politicians who nominated Wright. His platform was framed by a number of eminent railroad lawyers who were not fit to frame any set of principles for the masses. The whole purpose was to interpose some power between the people and their liberty. He would prove that if he was a demagogue he was the most remarkable specimen of that genus homo they had ever seen. As to his policy being a dishonest one, he had to say that if he took the position of Wright, that the state owed the debt and was able to pay it, it would have been dishonest to higgale about a compromise. He took the position that the state did not owe the railroad bonds, and ought not to pay them, but as she owed for the Hermitage and turnpikes on ac-

count of possessing them, was in favor of paying those bonds in full. It was never expected that the people would be called on to pay the railroad bonds as the law plainly provides that the railroads shall pay the interest, and set aside a sinking fund to liquidate the principal. He had always voted for submitting this question to the people. He had no concealments to make and no anecdotes to tell, and if his reason was not convincing, wanted no votes. The speeches of both candidates were much fuller than has been reported, but space will not allow a further report. Col. R. M. Edwards also made a short speech, in which he urged the invalidity of the railroad bonds, and the danger of taking the reins of government out of the hands of the people.

## OLD TIPTON

Almost Solid for Wilson.

Enthusiastic Reception at Covington.

COVINGTON, Tipton Co., Tenn., September 12th, 1880.

Special Corr. Ledger.

It is Sunday, and the candidates are taking a rest—that is, they are not doing any public speaking, though each of them is hard at work talking over matters with their respective friends. The indications are that we will have a fat time to-morrow, as this is a regular Wilson stronghold and the town crowd are sore over it.

Judge Wright's "bolting" argument will probably be left out to-morrow, as his own party did the "bolting" in the county a few days ago when they discovered the Wilson men were in the majority—overwhelmingly so, and you know when the town crowd can't even manipulate a convention, their cake is dough.

In the first place the town crowd is not so solid this time—not by over half. Then the people are cheered and encouraged by the rousing news of the victories all along the line, and particularly by that of yesterday in Lauderdale county. They are gloriously happy and confident of success.

H. R. Bate, a prominent lawyer here gives it as his opinion that Tipton will go for Wilson by a handsome majority.

Mr. Harris, a large farmer and influential citizen of the county, is enthusiastic for Wilson, and has threatened to make a canvass of the county for him. He has invited the Wright fellows to select their most powerful leader here and agree with him upon a joint list of county appointments, but the railroad advocates can't see it.

Dozens of people have been interviewed by your correspondent. Of these, many were state credit men, who "did not take much interest in politics of late." The balance were either neutral yet, republican, greenbackers, or low tax, and from their statements, after careful consideration, your correspondent is of the opinion that of the 2,000 democratic votes this county casts, 2,000 of them will go for Wilson. He will get the entire greenback vote, and as at least 20 per cent of the republicans in this county are "low tax," he will probably fall heir to them. The full republican vote is 1,200.

The people's candidate represents the true principles of the great democratic party, is the champion of the rights and liberties of the people, and he is "no slouch." Wilson will make a clean sweep of all the counties I have passed through since leaving Memphis a week ago, but two, and in those two he will give the railroad candidate the roughest kind of a tussle—they are Crockett and Gibson.

He has made a profound impression everywhere, and so plain and simple is his argument that after the debates are over at each place, knots of plain countrymen, who know nothing of the intricacies of the law, can be heard following his line of thought almost verbatim.

Edwards is expected here to-morrow.

LATER.

The debate between Wilson and Wright took place this Monday morning on the public square. Wright's anecdotes, for once, fell still born, but the grand argument of Wilson in favor of the liberty of the people awoke intense enthusiasm. Mr. Wilson was visited during his stay by hundreds of people, including the staunchest citizens of the county, who promise him an overwhelming majority. At the depot he was surrounded by an enthusiastic crowd of people anxious to get one glimpse of their next governor.

## LAUDERDALE COUNTY.

The Peoples' Candidate on a Boom.

Grand Ovation at Ripley.

Special Corr. Ledger.

RIPLY, LAUDERDALE CO., TENN., September 11, 1880.

THE DEBATE.

About six hundred people were present at the court room to-day, and such a grand triumph of reason and noble ideas over bluster and coarse wit has rarely been witnessed. It was a glorious victory for the liberty of Tennessee over the monstrous mass of corruption and fraud with which it has been well nigh strangled. Judge Wright opened, and in a speech of an hour and a half ran over the usual calendar of anecdotes and invectives.

But for once he was mistaken in his audience. It was Saturday, the farmer's day for going to town, and that class, all notoriously Wilson men, were in the majority. The town crowd were stationed in a body around the rostrum and never lost an opportunity to yell. They found plenty to inter-act them and make them laugh in his funny yarns, but they couldn't see the points in his arguments.

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argument to-day, though much the same, as a whole, that urged all along, was unusually brilliant, both in logic and delivery. Judge Wright had repeated a passage from Deuteronomy, urging that when a man takes a new wife he shall be exempt from war and business one year, advising Mr. Wilson to go home and care for his new wife. "You made me leave her," answered Mr. Wilson, "to keep you from saddling a vast fraud upon the people, and now you wish me to return. No sir! My wife is a patriot. She exhorted me to go from her and fight the

BATTLE OF LIBERTY; battle with all the strength of my soul for the rights of the people, and never to return to her until I came triumphant at their head, bearing proudly aloft a banner upon which victory was inscribed!" [Profound applause.]

In reply to Wright's charge that Savage's county got a lot of these bonds, Wilson said the railroads got them, and not the people.

Mr. Wilson was asked to-day by Judge Wright if the people were to get together and instruct him to do this or that thing to him dishonest or repulsive, would he do it; and his answer drew forth a round of applause that rung to the echo. "No," said he, "but I would do exactly what the democratic party teaches I ought to do in such a case. I would step down and out, and let somebody else carry out the command my private convictions would not permit me doing."

Mr. Wilson is growing more aggressive every day in his argument, administering the most scathing rebukes to his opponent.

THE SENTIMENT

of Lauderdale county can be no longer disputed. Hundreds who were on the fence have become ardent Wilson men since hearing the discussion. While taking a stroll this evening I heard an old fellow say, "Boys, that way he did skin the old fudge was shameful. The old fellow put on his glasses at first, but he tuk 'em off when Wilson begun, and his eyes got big as moons."

Mr. Bannion, deputy register, said that only organization was needed to make the county solid for Wilson.

Mr. T. A. Roy, an influential citizen of the western part of the county, said he knew only two Wright men in his part of the county.

Dr. W. M. Gudgeon, greenbacker and ex-whig, said the Edwards men had no hope of success and would go solid for Wilson. A low-tax democratic club has been formed here, and a little circular has been introduced in the interest of the people's candidate.

The county casts 10,000 democratic votes, and at least 1200 will go for Wilson. This can be relied on as a close estimate, which has been arrived at by a careful canvass of the public sentiment. Put Lauderdale, Obion, Dyer and Weakley counties down for Wilson, majority not less than 800 in either. Some tough work will be done in Crockett and Gibson counties.

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## BY CABLE.

LONDON, September 14.—Speaking of the strike at Accrington, the Times says: "Five thousand weavers will immediately be affected, and the spinners must soon stop also. If the masters resolve to meet the strikes by a lockout throughout north and northeast Lancashire, or run only fifty days per week, as is probable, one hundred thousand operatives will be affected. It is understood that simultaneous action with the issue of notices for the strike the Lancashire masters will reduce wages fifteen per cent in all districts contributing to the support of the strikers, and devote the fund thus created to support the masters in Accrington whose hands are brought out by the wages committee."

It is understood that Dean Stanley will pay a final visit to the United States in 1881 in company with Thomas Hughes. The visit will be of a special character—for the purpose of investigating the church question.

The prince and princess of Wales and their children attended, last night, the performance of the American minstrels at Her Majesty's theater, and enjoyed the performance greatly.

The new finance minister of Russia, Mr. Bunge, is said to have found finances so disorganized and encumbered with defalcations that General Melikov has advised

the czar to appoint a commission to investigate that department. It is believed the result will not be made public. The commission will probably sit privately and submit the result to the czar, who will dismiss the worst offenders.

The substance supposed to be dynamite found on the Northwestern railroad, was near but not under the rails.

CAPE TOWN, September 14.—The premier of the Cape government, without escort, has interviewed the Basuto chiefs. There is fair hope of a peaceful settlement except in the case of Chief Masupa. Several rebellious chiefs have expressed penitence.

PARIS, September 14.—All religious congregations have signed a compromise letter.

BUCHAREST, September 14.—The approval of the chambers is now only requisite for the settlement of the succession to the throne of Roumania on Prince Ferdinand.

ST. PETERSBURG, September 14.—The reported defeat of a portion of the Russian force by Turcomans is untrue.

Symptoms of the Siberian plague have appeared amongst the people of a village near Odessa.

LONDON, September 14.—A correspondent at Ragusa says it is almost impossible to get authentic news from the Scutari district, as censorship is exercised. The fact ought not to be blinked that Turkey is absolutely resolved to oppose to the last the cession of Epirus and Thessaly to Greece.

The Messenger D'Athens says: The minister of war has opened a new credit of 1,900,000 francs—for war material, and the minister of the marine has ordered ten Krupp cannons for gunboats.

It is definitely known that Biaz Pasha, Turkish commander, has positive orders to resist the Montenegrin occupation of Duligno, though at the same time it is left entirely to his discretion whether to prevent the Albanians from interfering. He has halted his force where it cannot be of the slightest use, while simultaneously the Albanian volunteers are flocking through Sentari for Tusi. Five thousand are already there, of whom 3000 are reported to be Turkish regulars.

It is not positively known that the British admiral, Seymour, has positive orders not to disembark his men.

There is considerable excitement in Duligno among the Albanian Mohammedans.

A vessel will shortly be sent as a refuge for families for both Christians and Mohammedan inhabitants who are hemmed in between the Albanians and Montenegrins.

QUEBEC, September 14.—A pastoral letter from the archbishop was received in Basilla yesterday, deploring the continued emigration from this province to the United States, and appealing to the generosity, charity and patriotism of the people to take steps to check this movement.

THE MAINE ELECTION.

PORTLAND, September 14.—Returns from 207 towns give Davis 48,477; Plaisant, 41,837; scattering, 229; total, 85,534. The same towns last year gave Davis 41,294; Smith 26,890; Garcelon 12,803; scattering 161; total, 81,248. Davis' majority is 1420, against 1640 in the same towns last year. The towns to hear from gave Davis 27,719; Smith and Garcelon 20,121, being a fusion majority of 2412. The aggregate vote received has increased about 5 per cent, which indicates an aggregate of 145,500. As each vote has increased about the same, the republicans should have 72,500; fusionists, 73,500; prohibitionists and scattering, 500—a fusion plurality of 1000 and majority of 500. The Fourth and Fifth congressional districts are fusion. The First, Second and Third are republican, as before. The republicans claim the First district by 125, and the democrats concede it by 65. Cumberland county is divided. The fusion sheriff is elected, and two republican and two fusion senators are elected, but the vote is very close, and will require an official count. The legislature will be very evenly divided in both branches.

At a meeting of the school board last night a report presented by the finance committee stated that the total indebtedness to be \$12,974.09. The resignation of Mr. John H. Collins, as principal of the high school, was accepted, and the position abolished. The schools will open the first Monday in October.

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